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1. REFS B AND C OUTLINE POLICY WITH RESPECT TO PAROLE OF VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS IN THIRD COUNTRIES. WE ARE UNDER CLEAR CONGRESSIONAL INSTRUCTION TO INTERNATIONALIZE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES AND CAN THEREFORE CONSIDER PAROLE OF VIETNAMESE IN THIRD COUNTRIES ONLY IN CASES INVOLVING CLEAR DANGER.

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2. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE NEGATIVE PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE IN

US. THE THOUSANDS OF VIETNAMESE WHOM WE HAVE EVACUATED

ARE OBVIOUSLY OF FIRST CONCERN ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF
URGENT NECESSITY FOR OBTAINING CONGRESSIONAL
AUTHORIZATION FOR FUNDS FOR THIS EXPENSIVE UNDERTAKING.

3. OTHER VN DIPLOMATS ARE HAVING SUCCESS IN LOCATING

ALTERNATE COUNTRIES OF REFUGE. NEW DELHI CONSULATE
STAFF, FOR EXAMPLE, ALL REQUESTED US ASYLUM BUT ALL
BUT ONE LOCATED ELSEWHERE. BOTH UNHCR AND ICEM CAN
PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH TRAVEL, ETC. YOU MAY WISH TO
SUGGEST THAT VIETNAMESE ENLIST GOB ASSISTANCE IN
APPROACHING UNHCR AS THAT ORGANIZATION IS SOMEWHAT
MORE RESPONSIVE TO REQUESTS THROUGH HOST GOVERNMENT. KISSINGER

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